

in my district resulting from the unprecedented snow storm that hit Connecticut this past weekend. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 816, reaffirming "In God We Trust" as the official motto of the United States, and "yea" on rollcall vote 817, on passage of the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011.

HONORING JAMES CHARLES ROBBINS OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the tremendous public service of Mr. James Charles Robbins, who served honorably and admirably for 44 years as a fireman, 37 of which were as a fire chief of the Lucerne Volunteer Fire Department in Clearlake Oaks, California.

In addition to his duties with the Fire Department, Chief Robbins worked with the Lucerne Business Association and held the title of the "Moose" of Clearlake Oaks. Chief Robbins coached football and baseball for youth and high school teams, mentoring several generations of athletes and teaching them the values of team sports and leadership.

His professional activities were always dedicated to the betterment of the fire department and the protection of his district. He was instrumental in maintaining the special fire tax, which keeps the doors open at Lucerne Volunteer Fire Department. Perhaps, Chief Robbins' greatest accomplishment of his career was the reorganization and consolidation of four fire districts into one, known now as the Northshore Fire Protection District. This district is one of the largest in California, covering more than 350 square miles.

Chief Robbins was born in San Francisco and went to high school in Upper Lake, California. He pursued his degree at Santa Rosa Junior College, taking many classes related to fire science and management of personnel.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I believe it is appropriate at this time that we recognize and honor James Charles Robbins for his career of fire protection and community leadership. We congratulate him on his retirement, and extend our best wishes for many years of health and happiness. His dedication to the safety and protection of Northern California is truly commendable, and his leadership will be missed.

HONORING KENNETH P. DOYLE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kenneth P. Doyle. For 36 years, Mr. Doyle has served as a Tipstaff for the First Judicial District, and in November he will celebrate his retirement after decades of service to his community.

Mr. Doyle's celebrated career began thirty-six years ago when on February 17, 1976, Ken was sworn in as a Tipstaff by then Administrative Judge Ethan Allen Doty. Mr. Doyle was first assigned to the Family Court Division at 1801 Vine Street, under the direction of Judge Gregory Lagakos before moving on to the Criminal and Civil Trial Division in first City Hall and for the last 15 plus years the Criminal Justice Center.

Mr. Doyle's knowledge of the court system has been an invaluable asset to both Courtroom Operations and the Judiciary as evidenced by his long successful stints with Judges' Paul Ribner, Theodore Smith, Ned Hirsch, Joyce Keane and most notably our current Administrative Judge D. Webster Keogh. The last seven plus years of Mr. Doyle's service have been as a supervisor for Courtroom Operations under Chief of Courtroom Operations, Michael P. Spaziano. Ken's knowledge and work ethic will be missed by the Courtroom Operations family, but his legacy will live on forever.

Mr. Doyle's long and impressive career showcases his commitment and service to his community. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Doyle for his work and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLNWOOD

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Lincolnwood.

Not many cities can boast a more colorful start than Lincolnwood. A hundred years ago, the city came to be known as Tessville after a band of tavern owners incorporated the area to take advantage of a loophole during Prohibition that allowed organized municipalities to grant liquor licenses.

It was an unconventional way for a city to begin. Though not as infamous as its Midwestern counterpart Dodge City, Kansas a few decades prior, Tessville was also known for its speakeasies, saloons and gambling halls.

In the 1920s, under the helm of long-serving Mayor Henry Proesel, came an electric rail. With the electric rail came new ideas and prosperity.

Stricter liquor control laws were passed, and Tessville would become Lincolnwood—an ethnically diverse, popular community that offered fast access to and from Chicago, and good fortune for its residents.

Since then, Lincolnwood has had many proud moments—from the construction of a 1.5 million-gallon water tower to the election of Peter Moy, the first Asian American to serve any municipality in Illinois as its President.

Over the years, city efforts—including the Vision 2020 plan—have yielded improvement in repairing infrastructure, renovating city parks, and construction of new parkways.

Today, Lincolnwood is a vibrant community that still sports a strong business sector and a

diverse population. The city of Lincolnwood has much to be proud of and much to look forward to in the next 100 years. I am proud to serve as Congresswoman for Lincolnwood and wish its leaders, businesses and residents a happy 100th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SMC IN NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, in these tumultuous times, it is important to take the opportunity to highlight the successes of some businesses. One such business is SMC—a leader in industrial manufacturing whose U.S. headquarters is in my district in Noblesville, Indiana.

SMC's products have improved upon the ideas that have enabled manufacturers to operate efficiently for years. Recent innovations include a light-weight actuator that fits into older systems, allowing businesses to increase efficiency without a costly and complete system overhaul. A new SMC pump consumes less energy than its predecessor, but outlives it by 10 million pumps. Lastly, I believe their premium on face-time with customers enables their next innovation to be inspired by the very hard-working people that use them.

It is also worth noting that the company has partnered in some fashion with 38 countries across the globe. Their sales market connects them to almost 50 countries, affirming their stance that "products are not confined to the limits of conventional pneumatic control components, but are reaching out to cover peripheral markets as well."

These accomplishments have recently landed SMC on Forbes' list of the Top 100 Most Innovative Companies, sharing the list with industry leaders such as Apple, Google, and Amazon. Their core business policy of "Customer First and Quality First" has propelled the company forward. They should be applauded for such achievements and for their future. SMC, along with Mayor Ditslear and the people of Noblesville, no doubt are excited, as I certainly am.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,977,962,674,363.87.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,339,536,928,070.07 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.